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[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

MARYBOROUGH. WEDNESDAY.
The escort came in to-day with 2579 ounces of gold.

reports from the Hunter River district, it would appear that the quake and noise which accompanied it were more decided and appreciable in that locality than in and near the metropolis. Our correspondents speak of the shock as severe, with rumbling sounds more or less loud. One states that the houses

ORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE annual meeting of this society was held last night at the School of Arts, Pitt-street. The large room in which the meetings of the society are usually held were crowded, the attendance being, probably, larger than on any

TOTAL	COMPANIES.	Paid & Share.	CLOSING PRICES.	BUSINESS DONE.
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0,000	Walden Coal	£10	7 1/2	7 1/2
0,000	Warash Coal	£6	1 1/2	...
0,000	Peak Downs Copper	£1	20	20
0,000	Cadanglong	£1
0,000	Hartley Kerosene Oil and Paraffine	£1	15	...
0,000	Glanmire Gold Mine	£3
0,000	Fitzroy Iron	£3
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HEADSTIFFS, CEREALS, &c.—The arrival of the main mail in the early part of last month, advising one vessel loading for the colonies at either California or Hawaii, was followed by an active demand for wheat and other staples, as dealers had allowed stocks to run out rather than speculate before knowing what foreign supplies, if any, were coming forward. The improvement only lasted a few days, however, as the same market became so quiet that holders of wheat, rice, &c., and rice, dropped about 20¢ per cwt. The

adding freight—say 40s. to 60s. per ton—cost of &c., would leave a fair margin to shippers who may be disposed to operate. The Nineveh takes a shipment of large parcels also goes by the Strathdon, and others are engaged. Barley and oats are in limited supply. Of the best, good malting descriptions command extreme rates.

BEANS.—Recent sales exhibit a falling market, full-bills have been sold at 11d. to 11½d., and light-weights about 10d.

Reinforcing of the structure which the foundation will rest upon, there will be an outer covering of massive iron plates, which will be bolted firmly together as the work being proceeded with, and will thus tend to give additional stability to the structure.

Dr. THOMPSON inquired whether there was not a depth below the surface at which the temperature was generally found to be even.

decline of 10s. in Commercial Bank shares; 2s. 6d. in Joint Stocks; 10s. in Bank of New South Wales; and 15s. to 20s. in A. S. N. Company's shares. The latter company received tenders yesterday

288 Government return of bonded stocks, compiled to the 30th ultimo, exhibits a slight reduction on the quantities in store at date of last summary. The present stock is as follows:—
—Rum, 27,286 gallons; brandy, 109,751 gallons; geneva, 46,902 gallons; whisky, 5928

The Economist of April 30 states:

At the Annual meeting of the Standard Life Assurance Company, the year's results were reported. The company's income proposed, \$767,337; new insurances accepted, \$1,171,875; claims paid, \$1,000,000; and the company's position on April 30, 1907, was as follows: Assets, \$1,000,000; liabilities, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$1,000,000; and the company's position on April 30, 1907, was as follows: Assets, \$1,000,000; liabilities, \$1,000,000; surplus, \$1,000,000.

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TAKE THE DIRECT LINE, Agents for Messrs. ALEXANDER constantly for SALE, the famous "Red Tobacco" as under, viz.,
 "Cigaret," 10's, in half and quarter tins
 "Sigsbee," 10's
 "Pathfinder," 7-1b. Jumps
 "All the Races," American
 "The Great Standard" of the "Co." & Trust just arrived per Annapolis, from New York, Oyster & Tinned Juice.

SCOTT, HENDERY & SON, Auctioneers.

FRESH MUSCAT DATES, the only pure in the Colonies—750 Small Mats delicious **MUSCAT DATES.**

HENRY FISHER AND SON, Macquarie-place.

MUNTZ'S YELLOW METAL AND NAILS
 Muntz's belts, sheathing, and house felt
 Boiler and Locomotive plates, boiler tubes, rivets, angle iron
 V. I. R. sheets and belting, safety valves, steam flues
 Sheet copper, Bessemer steel, T.K. bar iron
 Galvanized iron, Muscoveed's Gk, 7 ft. and 8 feet
 Fire wire, New Zealand rope, 3/4; galvanneized wire rope
 Chain cables and anchors, sizes 1/2 inch to 6 inches
 Bar black and green paints. Bath brick, tobacco pipes
 Wagon wheels, wool-lanterns, 3-hubbel and iron bags
 Weatherboard, Portland Cement, 7 and 12 lb. tin bottles,
 and packets, Barry's chisels.
 Oldfield patent shaft, bark, W. I. arrowroot
 Taylor Brothers' chisels, cone rollers, and mustard
 Herrings, in tin, half-barrel, and 12 lb. haddocks
 Sinclair's bacon, Campeche's Nutt
 Ginger wine, fine pale sherry, liquors
 All American & French goods, and Steel Coulson's
 Brown and grey papers, printing papers, and stationery.
CARR, PATERSON, and CO.,
 14, Wyndham-square.

STEAM ENGINES and BOILERS, &c.

8 h.p. portable engine, of Ramsay and Sim's, and Tennant and Co.'s manufacture
10 and 12 h.p. ditto ditto, double cylinders
8 h.p. portable thrashing machine, of Ramsay and Sim's
Pump and abating machine, iron pump
CAIRD, PATTERSON, and CO., 14, WYNDHAM-SQUARE.

FOR SALE: patent Water-closets. Galvanised iron
Baths, &c. J. A. BROWN, 234, Pitt-st.

SADDLERY, &c.—6 cases Porter's Saddlery, just
landed at Edinburgh, assorted qualities, and superior
patterns.

W. H. SIMPSON, 346, George-street.

ON SALE, BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

Chance's sash glass, 16 oz., 21 oz., 26 oz., and 32 oz.
Chance's enamelled and ground glass
Chance's stained glass, all colours
Chance's patent picture glass, plate
Chance's rough and polished plate
Belgium sheet glass, 16 and 21 oz., in good condition

POTATOES, POTATOES—Now landing, at Market Wharf, ex Fleet and Adelaide, from Circular Head, 100 tons of the finest sample. **I. GODDARD, Sussex-street.**
POTATOES, POTATOES—22 per ton. **L. MORAN, Victoria-bath.**
POTATOES, POTATOES—Prime sample Circular Head and Warrambool. **I. MORAN, Victoria Wharf.**
PERME sample Tasmanian POTATOES, now landing, ex Yarra and Leslie. **C. B. BOND, Sussex-street.**
LOBSTER, alive—a first catch of the season, just from Haggah Bay, at CLARK'S, Market-street.
BUTTER! BUTTER! BUTTER!—Very best butter, 100 per lb; butter full weight sperms, 104 lb by box, 116 single lbs. Currents—A good sample, 3s per gallon by case; Compton's English hams, 11s 6d. **O. MIDMAN, South Head Road, Paddington, Haymarket, Woolloomooloo, and corner Lower George and Kinsland streets.**
COLZA OIL, Turpentine, Linseed Oil, Deers, Paints, &c. &c. &c. **H. H. RAUCHMAN, Sydney.**

WHITE LEAD, genuine, in iron kegs and tin line, for SALE. H. H. BEAUCHAMP.
STOCKHOLM TAR and PITCH, Bright Varnish, Osgood, for SALE. H. H. BEAUCHAMP.
MUNTZ'S YELLOW METAL, Sheets, Nails, Rods, for SALE. H. H. BEAUCHAMP.
MUNTZ'S ROD METAL, assorted, 1 lb., 1/2 lb., 1/4 lb., and 1/8 inch. H. H. BEAUCHAMP.
CHEESE, as Landlord Brand Half-chested ex Capingnum. H. H. BEAUCHAMP.
BONNIOTS BRANDY. Hopshead, quarters, cases Pale and dark. H. H. BEAUCHAMP.
WHISKY, as 5000 bags, choice samples TASMANIAN—3000 bags, best mulling. H. H. BEAUCHAMP.

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ADELAIDE.	Bowman's, Field's, Rayner's, and other best country brands			
ADELAIDE.	Fine, Households, Seconds			
TASMANIAN.	Best Fine and Superfine.			
	H. H. BEAUCHAMP.			

FLOUR AND WHEAT.
The undersigned, as agents for South Australian millers, and others, have constantly in stock all the leading brands of—
ADELAIDE TOWN MILLS FLOUR,
and
ADELAIDE COUNTRY MILLS FLOUR
in the various qualities of **SUPERFINE, FINE, HOUSEHOLDS, and SECONDS.**
Also,
LAUNCESTON FLOUR,
BATHURST FLOUR. Also,
ADELAIDE WHEAT
LAUNCESTON WHEAT
SOUTHERN WHEAT, New South Wales.
KEMLEY and SCOTT.
Office—Pitt-street North, Sydney.

JOSEPH WHEARNE, Anchor Flour Mills, foot of
Buckhead-street, Sydney.
Superfine Flour, seconds; **chick-bird Corn Flour, &c.**
The best and cheapest in Sydney.

FINE FLOUR, 21s.; seconds, 19s.; makes useful, 7s per
100 lbs. **Finnell's Mills, Parramatta-street, Sydney.**

KINGSFORD'S **OSWEGO** **PREPARED CORN,**
makes **Fuddings, Pies, Cakes, and Custards.** Splendid
food for infants and invalids. See **HERALD,** 26th May.

W OOLPACKS.—New landing superior chest made
extra heavy striped galv. Batt. 6, Wapcar-st.

TANKS.—Ships Tanks, 450 gallons, new building,
1000 Wapcar-st. Telephone 100. W. Briggs.

BREAKER.—Ten Killings per children, delivered any
where within the city carriage free. Gas Works.

C OAL.—Newcastle or Avon Creek; West. Charcoal,
Broom, Coal, and Patent Fuel. P. J. ELLIOTT
and Co., Woolloomooloo.

FOR SALE, Ironbark GIRDER, 14 x 12, 20 feet long.
Apply No. 1, Little Brisbane-street.

400,000 FEET Baltic Flooring, Oregon, and
clear Pine. EOLFE, Clarence Quay.

500,000 FEET Colonial Hardwood, Cedar,
Shingles. EOLFE, Clarence Quay.

900,000 FEET Baltic, American, and Mary-
borough Timber, in plank and pre-
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COLONIAL HARDWOOD, Pine, and Cedar; all
kinds. GOODLEY and SMITH, 483, George-st.

DRAIN PIPES, Chumney Pans, Faring and Garden
Pipes. The Brickbros. or Tins. Goodley and Smith.

ZINC, 30 ozs. just landed. Goodley and Smith.
The Brickbros., &c. Goodley and SMITH.

BEST LARK SHINGLES always on hand, at reduced
prices. Murphy's Wharf. W. GILRS.

CITY CEMENT STONE.—G. E. GRAHAM (late
Wymann), 30, New Pitt-street, Circular Quay, Im-
porter and Dealer in all kinds of Building Materials,
Pipes, Fire Bricks, Lumps, Fire Clay, Ovens, Tiles, Drain
Pipes, etc., etc., Faving Bricks, Clay Pans, Chumney Pans,
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